



Waukesha Police Department Media Release

Man with a Gun

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On Tuesday May 25th, 2021 at approximately 8:13 am, a male with a handgun was observed in a vehicle in the 2000 blk of Michigan Ave. The male was observed waving the handgun in the air while sitting outside the window of the vehicle as it was in motion on Michigan Avenue. The vehicle had driven past Lowell Elementary at drop off time and North High as students were in class. An alert gym teacher was walking a class on Michigan and relayed her observations to the Waukesha North Administrative team. The Waukesha North H.S. Administrative team placed the school on a SECURE status. A SECURE status is when the learning environment status quo with the exception of a heightened awareness by staff, ensure no students or staff are outside and locking of the outside doors.

The School Resource Officer assigned to Waukesha North High School confirmed the observations and immediately got into her squad car and followed the vehicle, requesting more police resources and ensured the vehicle was traveling away from the student population. Once, enough police resources were in place a HIGH-RISK traffic stop was conducted at the intersection of Northview Rd and University Dr.

Members of the police department were relaying real-time information to the leadership teams of the surrounding schools so they could make the best safety decisions. This is important as district officials do not want to disrupt the learning environment any more than necessary. The real-time information provided, allowed district officials to reduce any potential stress or anxiety for the student learners.

The vehicle contained two male occupants, and both were detained. One male suspect was taken into custody. We will be recommending charges of 2nd Recklessly Endangering Safety and Disorderly Conduct while Armed with a Dangerous Weapon to the District Attorney's Office.

We want to thank the alert teacher at Waukesha North and the School District of Waukesha for the vigilance of training in school safety protocols.

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